

AFTER FIFTY YEARS MEETS FORMER FOES

Col. John W. Vrooman, of Herkimer, N. Y., Visits Us.

Will Visit Old Fort Fisher Today in Company With Other Survivors of Battle—Impressive Address to Masons.

After an absence of 50 years, Col. John W. Vrooman, former Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of that commonwealth, is today the guest of those whom he fought as foes in the War between the States. He arrived in Wilmington yesterday at noon and last night delivered an address at the regular communication of St. John's lodge of Masons. Accompanied by a number of the survivors of the battle of Fort Fisher and other Confederate veterans and also by many of his Masonic brethren, he will today re-visit Fort Fisher, where he will give a cordial welcome to the city, being met at the station by the officers of St. John's lodge of Masons and others. He will deliver a reception in the Masonic Temple for the purpose of meeting Confederate veterans and other of his friends in the city. Many called to extend best wishes and cordial greetings. A good fellowship prevailed at the meeting of St. John's lodge last night when more than a hundred Masons were privileged to hear an address by Col. Vrooman which was notable for its expression of friendship and goodwill. Following the meeting in the lodge room, the members repaired to the banquet hall where light refreshments were served. Impromptu talks were made by a number of those present.

The large hearted Southern hospitality, famous throughout the world, said Col. Vrooman in his address last night, "which has been extended to me on many occasions, qualifies me to state in a court of justice, if need be, that to know a Southern gentleman is to love him. I come to Wilmington bearing upon my breast the badge of a Mason, and also the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic and have been privileged, during the brief time that I have been here, to meet those wearing the badge of a Mason and also the badge of Confederate service and hope to the end of my life to number them as my valued friends.

"I count myself happy to receive this royal welcome, which suggests reminiscence and rejoicing—memories of the past, hopes of the future. Be not forgetful, however, that between the past and the future there always stands the present Now; for today, as never before, Free Masons are judged by acts, not resolutions, by deeds, not sayings.

"By paying tribute to the fathers who founded the Republic he contended: "Right here and now let me say that if I had first seen the light of day under the Southern Cross, or if my government had been of the Southland, if its people had been my people, its traditions my traditions, I doubtless would have followed the Confederate flag and its banner, and I believe (Continued on Page Six.)

NOON-DAY LUNCHEON TODAY

Wilmington Rotary Club Will Have Prominent Richmond Rotarians as Its Guests—Talks.

Mr. W. E. Morton, international vice president of the Rotary Clubs, and Mr. Harold Bloomberg, director of the Richmond Rotary Club, will be the guests of the Wilmington club at its first noon-day luncheon which will be given today from 1 to 2:30 o'clock at the Hotel Wilmington. They will make short addresses and will outline briefly what Rotary has done for the business world. They are prominent business men, of Richmond, Va., and attended the International Convention of Rotary clubs at Houston, Texas, last fall. With their experience in the work they are in position to speak authoritatively on this subject.

They have kindly consented to lay aside their business for a day in order to meet with the Wilmington club and help get it started on a firm basis. The local club is one of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, which embraces more than 150 cities in the United States, Great Britain and Canada. Its motto is "He profits most who serves best." Its growth has been remarkable and in spite of the limitations of membership, the average club having about 125 members, there are now more than 15,000 Rotarians enrolled in these clubs.

The purpose of the organization is to promote the idea of service to society, to emphasize individual responsibility, to increase efficiency by a frank exchange of ideas and experience, to cultivate friendship among business men, and to quicken interest in public welfare.

No creed is recognized except the Golden Rule. The discussion of political and partisan questions are barred from its meetings. Regular bi-monthly meetings are held. It is expected to have an organization of carefully selected business and professional men, chosen with regard to character, efficiency, financial rating, ability, energy, integrity and high business standing. The Wilmington club is for Wilmington and its people, and it is earnestly desired that all give it their hearty cooperation.

The meeting today marks the formal inauguration of the club's activities as a part of the community life of the city and much importance is attached to it for this reason. It is expected to play an important part and its members are determined that it shall do so.

Invitations to the Sale and Slickety. The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELSS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enlarges the liver, and builds up the system. A bottle, 50c. For adults and children, 30c. (advertisement.)

BOOKS OPENED YESTERDAY

Registration for Charter Election Now Under Way—Hours, Precincts and Ward Lines

Registration for the special election on the proposed new city charter, to be held Tuesday, March 30th, began yesterday morning and the books will be kept open up to and including Saturday, March 20th. A new registration is required for the election and all who intend to cast their votes will have to register, regardless of the fact that they may have voted in the last municipal election.

The registration books are open each week day, except Saturday, from 9 A. M. until 5 P. M., and on Saturdays the hours will be from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M.

This will be the first election under the amended city charter, whereby the city limits have been extended and six wards created, instead of five as heretofore. One voting precinct has been established in each ward, and the registration books are to be found at the polling places in the different wards as follows:

First Ward—Engine house, Fourth and Campbell, W. McD. Evans registrar.

Second Ward—Basement court house, W. W. Hodges, registrar.

Third Ward—Glen Edge, Eighth and Princess, J. R. Davis, registrar.

Fourth Ward—McClellan's stables, 115 Dock street, F. W. Peiffer, registrar.

Fifth Ward—New engine house, Fifth and Castle streets, R. H. Orrell, registrar.

Sixth Ward—Mann's store, 17th and Market streets, J. F. Mann, registrar.

Registration yesterday was very light, but this is usually the case on the first day the books are open, unless there is a very unusual interest in the election. "In the first ward 18 voters registered; in the second, nine; in the third three; in the fourth one; and in the sixth nine. The number registering in the fifth ward was proportionately light.

Under the annexation amendment to the present charter, and the creation of a Sixth Ward, the ward lines have been changed, and there is some confusion on the part of the voters as to which ward they live in. Roughly speaking, the new wards lie within lines as follows:

First Ward—All territory lying south of Smith's Creek, west of the center of 14th street, north of the center of Rankin and Red Cross streets and east of the western city limits.

Second Ward—Territory lying south of the center of Red Cross street, east of the center of Sixth street, north of the center of Dock street and east of the western limits of the city.

Third Ward—Territory south of the center of Rankin and Red Cross street, west of the center of 14th street, north of the center of Church street and east of the center of Sixth street.

Fourth Ward—South of the center of Dock street, west of the center of Sixth street, north of the center of Church, and east of the western limits of the city.

Fifth Ward—All territory lying south of the center of Church street, east of the center of 14th, north of the southern city limits and east of the western city limits.

Sixth Ward—All territory in the city lying north of the center of Church street.

There is a general demand that the new charter be published in detail for the benefit of the public. The local press has published digests of the charter as prepared by the attorneys who drew up the document, but the voters feel that they should have the opportunity of going over the charter in its entirety. Council has considered the advisability of having several thousand copies of the proposed new charter printed in pamphlet form, and this may be decided upon at the weekly meeting today, or it may be decided to have the charter printed in one or more of the local papers.

SAFE ON OTHER SIDE. Henry Williams Delivers Cargo of Cotton at Holland Ford.

The following from Monday's Baltimore Herald is of interest here:

"A cable message was received last night by Mason L. Weems Williams, president of the Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Company, in which was announced the arrival of the steamer Ymuiden, with a cargo of cotton from Charleston, S. C.

"The ship chartered from Charleston on February 11 with 5,000 bales of cotton, valued at \$300,000, in its hold. When the German and English blockade declarations and threats were made there was much anxiety over the safety of the ship and its crew until Saturday, when a cable message was received of its safe arrival on Friday at Deal, in England, just below the Thames river.

"The voyage was not an unusually slow one, as it had spent about a week in the English channel and then had to stop at Deal before crossing over to Holland. Ymuiden is not two hours' journey by canal from Amsterdam.

"The cutter there were any adventures and perilous escapes on the voyage is not yet known in Baltimore, as the messages were extremely meagre."

FUNERAL OF MRS. BEACH. Services Held From Calvary Baptist Church Yesterday Morning.

The funeral of Mrs. Hester C. Beach, wife of Mr. W. J. Beach, whose death occurred at her home at Burgaw Sunday evening, was held from Calvary Baptist church yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, assisted by Rev. W. R. Weston, pastor of the Burgaw Baptist church. There were many friends present, the deceased having lived in Wilmington until about six months ago. There were also a number of Burgaw Sun- day school children in the church.

The interment was in Bellevue cemetery. The pallbearers were: Messrs. J. M. Woodard, W. H. Scarborough, C. N. Packer, Z. E. Murrell, W. L. Moore and W. L. Vann.

OFFICER IS TRANSFERRED. Lieutenant Smith, of Coast Guard Cutter, Goes to Massachusetts.

Lieut. Edward H. Smith, who for the past two years has been stationed on the coast guard cutter Seminole, has been transferred to a similar service on the cutter Aushnet at Woods Hole, Mass. He left last night for Vineyard Haven, Mass., his former home, where he will spend a few days before taking up his new duties.

Lieutenant Smith during his stay in Wilmington has made many friends, who regret that he has been transferred.

TWO OTHER TOWNSHIPS ARE MAKING PROGRESS

Federal Point and Masonboro Follow Cape Fear.

Monthly Meeting of the Board of Health Last Evening—Reports of Officers and Departments—Deep Wells Discussed

That Federal Point and Masonboro townships are progressing very rapidly in the matter of rural sanitation and bid fair to attain in the near future a standard of excellence equal to that which now gives Cape Fear township the reputation of being the model township of the whole South in this respect, is an interesting feature of Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt's monthly report, made to the Board of Health at the regular meeting last night at the court house. Dr. Nesbitt also comments on the fact that splendid progress has been made in Harnett township, though retarded by the opposition of several leading residents.

Aside from the receipt of the monthly reports from the officers and departments, little else of importance came before the Board last night, though there was an informal discussion of the water supply question, especially with reference to the continued agitation for deep wells. Dr. Nesbitt, in a short statement, expressed regret that further efforts in the deep wells would only result in postponing the time when Wilmington would have a satisfactory water supply and could only result in the useless expenditure of money in addition to that already expended.

Dr. Nesbitt exhibited a chart of figures from analyses of samples of the Wilmington water made by the laboratory of the State Board of Health, which, he informed the members of the Board, proved conclusively that there are not more than five cities in the entire South which have a better water supply than that Wilmington now enjoys.

The members of the Board also expressed regret over the continued agitation of the deep well subject, agreeing in their opinions that conditions here made it impossible for Wilmington to secure a satisfactory supply of potable water from deep wells.

Dr. Nesbitt's report, in detail, was as follows:

"I am very much gratified to report that at this date Masonboro and Federal Point townships contain no houses or places of business which are not supplied with receptacle privies, and there are none of these places which do not show an effort more or less effective to render them fly-proof. There are still a few places in Harnett township which are not supplied with privies, and a few other places in which there has been no attempt at fly-proofing. The owners of these houses are white citizens with but one exception.

"The citizens have presented various arguments with which they attempt to justify their action in this matter, but as they are so tremendously in the minority, there being but three or four of such property owners in the county, these arguments can be judged as to their importance by this fact. It has been exceedingly gratifying to note the interest and splendid co-operation of the citizens of the county in our effort to make New Hanover county (Continued on Page Eight.)

BIDS OPENED YESTERDAY. Proposals for Dredging in Neuse River and Beaufort Harbor.

Proposals for dredging in the Neuse river and Beaufort harbor were opened in the office of Maj. H. W. Stickle, United States district engineer, yesterday at noon. There were four competing bids, the lowest being made on the basis of the cost of a cubic yard of earth and were in three divisions, the first being for dredging in the Neuse river, the second being in the channel from Pamlico Sound to Beaufort harbor and the third being in Beaufort harbor.

Neuse river bids were as follows: Charles H. Burt, 16.8c; Coastwise Dredging Co., Norfolk, Va., 13.9c; Norfolk Dredging Co., Norfolk, Va., 15.69c; Ricard's Dredging Co., Philadelphia, Pa., 14.5c.

Beaufort harbor bids were as follows: Beaufort Inlet: Simons-Mayrant Co., 30c; Ricard's Dredging Co., 12.8c.

FUNERAL OF MR. HART. Services from Church of Good Shepherd Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mr. W. J. Hart, whose death occurred Monday afternoon at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, was held from the Church of the Good Shepherd yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. W. B. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church. A large delegation from the Carpenters and Joiners' Union, of which the deceased was a member, attended the service and escorted the remains to the grave.

The pallbearers were Messrs. James H. Burruss, J. M. Lord, C. H. Huband, R. J. Shepard, D. C. Page and C. T. Berfoot.

BROTHER DIED IN WAKE. Death of Field of Mr. R. W. Hartsfield, of Wilmington.

Mr. R. W. Hartsfield left Monday night for Forestville, in Wake county, to attend the funeral of his father, Mr. Jacob A. Hartsfield, who died at his home at that place Monday morning at the age of 77 years.

The funeral was held from his home yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Surviving besides his son in this city were the following children: Mr. J. W. Hartsfield, Hickory; Mr. K. R. Hartsfield, Birmingham, Ala.; Mr. A. Hartsfield and Mr. J. A. Hartsfield, Jr., Mrs. A. M. Harris and Miss Mabel Hartsfield, of Wake Forest.

An Interesting Meeting. The regular monthly meeting of the Wilmington Electrical Association, held last evening, was an unusually interesting one by reason of the several subjects discussed. Mr. R. D. Voshell read a most instructive paper on the relative advantages of alternating current and direct current in street railroads.

Mr. A. B. Croom, Jr., several nights ago and stealing a quantity of tobacco, cigars and cigarettes. The cases were continued for the State until tomorrow morning and the negroes went to jail.

LECTURE COURSE ANNOUNCED

Four Prominent Speakers to Appear at Hemenway School During March and April—For Public

As a means of providing for the Wilmington public the opportunity for high class, intellectual recreation along lines parallel with subjects studied in the public schools, the city school committee has planned for a series of four lectures to be given in the auditorium of the Hemenway School during this month and April. Announcement of the lecture course was made yesterday from the office of the Board of Education at the court house.

The lecturers, the dates on which they will appear and their subjects are announced as follows:

Tuesday, March 30th, 8:30 P. M., Mrs. Jessie E. Southwick, of Boston, Mass., subject "The Drama of Human Life."

Tuesday, March 23rd, 8:30 P. M., Dr. J. Liberty Tadd, of Philadelphia, subject "Real Manual Training," lecture to be illustrated with 200 stereopticon slides.

Friday, March 26th, 8:30 P. M., Prof. C. G. Cobb, University of North Carolina, subject "European Roads," illustrated with lantern slides.

Friday, April 9th, Prof. W. C. Jackson, State Normal College, Greensboro, subject "The Naturalists Muir and Burroughs."

Mrs. Southwick's lecture, the first of the series, is the only one for which an admission charge will be made. This lecture is in the nature of a special treat for the Senior Class of the High School, and a charge of 25 cents will be made for admission. Mrs. Southwick enjoys a national reputation as an educator, writer and interpreter of literature and the drama.

Dr. Tadd is head of the Philadelphia School for Manual and Industrial Training, and is a recognized authority on such training. He has been in Wilmington before, making a talk to the teachers of the city schools earlier in the year, at which time so much interest in subject was manifested that he was prevailed upon to consent to give a return lecture for the benefit of the Wilmington public.

Professor Cobb, professor of geology at the University of North Carolina, is the modern improved road question. His lecture, to be delivered here is one that he has delivered before a number of good roads conventions, and each time it has been one of the most popular of the convention. The lecture is illustrated with stereopticon slides made from photographs taken by Prof. Cobb while touring Europe for the purpose of studying the roads in the different countries of that Continent.

Mr. Jackson is professor of the department of history, State Normal College, at Greensboro, and his lecture on the subject of "The Naturalists Muir and Burroughs" will be in connection with the nature subjects in which the Camp Fire Girls and Boy Scouts organizations have been interesting themselves during the past year.

It is expected that the series of lectures will prove a popular feature with the Wilmington public, and that large audiences will greet each lecturer.

NEED FOR MANUAL TRAINING SHIPP-BAGLEY CAMP FORMED. Local Veterans of Spanish-American War Organized Last Night—Officers Are Elected.

The Shipp-Bagley Camp, United Spanish-American War Veterans, was organized at a meeting held in the court house last evening, when Mr. L. Riordan was elected president; Mr. W. A. Furlong, vice president, and Mr. S. A. Matthews secretary and treasurer. The charter list was signed by 22 members.

The camp will make formal application immediately to the National organization for its number and charter, and the charter list will be held open for a week or more for the benefit of any other local army or navy veterans of the Spanish-American War who may desire to enroll as charter members. Lists will be placed at several locations in the downtown section within the next few days.

The commissioned officers of the Wilmington Light Infantry and the Wilmington Naval Reserves, both of which organizations saw service during the war, are interested in the formation of the camp here, and are lending the organization their active support.

The local camp takes its name from the names of the first two officers of the army and navy, Shipp in the army and Bagley in the navy, to be killed in the Spanish-American War, and the name is well chosen and appropriate from the fact that both officers were North Carolinians.

Another meeting of the camp will be held next week.

Washington, March 9.—Secretary of Labor Wilson today resumed the negotiations for settlement of the Eastern Ohio Coal strike by a conference with representatives of the miners. The meeting will be between the secretary and the coal operators.

EAT LESS MEAT IF BACK HURTS. Take a Glass of Salts to Flush Kidneys if Bladder Bothers You—Drink Lots of Water.

Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly back-ache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

The moment your back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity; also to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

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METHODIST MINISTERS MEET. Pastors of Wilmington District Holding Institute Here.

The Methodist ministers of the Wilmington District of the North Carolina Conference are holding an institute in Grace Methodist church for the purpose of discussing matters of mutual interest. Rev. L. E. Thompson, presiding elder of the district, is presiding over the sessions, the first of which was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. There was another meeting last night and the session will continue through today.

In addition to the Methodist pastors in Wilmington are the following: Rev. C. M. Lance, of Southport; Rev. D. L. Eranhardt, of Chadbourne; Rev. J. C. Whedbee, of Burgaw; Rev. R. N. Fitts, of Scott's Hill; Rev. C. T. Rogers, of Richlands; Rev. Mr. Miller, of Hallsboro; and Rev. Mr. Watson, of Carver's Creek.

The visiting ministers were met at the station yesterday by Rev. J. D. Bundy and Rev. A. J. Parker and assigned to homes in the city.

March-Springtime
-The time to Start Things.
-The time to Start Life on a good basis.
-Life is Not on a Business Basis if You are Spending as Much as You Earn. No Progress; No Ambition.
-You have to have capital. You must Save, to get that capital. Open an account with us; this will start you saving.
-Any Sum Over \$1 will start a savings account.
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